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AND

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# INTRODUCTORY NOTICE.

THE edition of the New Testament now put into the reader's hand is printed from a corrected copy of the second edition (1871), entirely completed by the translator before his death, and revised while going through the press, as carefully as circumstances would permit, from his own notes,

The text varies but little from that of the last edition; a few needed corrections have been made, and certain modifications and various readings, indicated formerly in the notes, have been eccasionally introduced into the text, and a few fresh notes added.

The chief feature of novelty in the present edition is the indication in the notes of many of the sources from which the text and the various readings, as found in modern critical editions, are drawn, as has been already explained in the preface to the second edition, to which the reader is referred for the translator's opinion of the comparative value of the Uncial MSS.

Shortly after the publication of the second edition of this work Tischendorf published the eighth edition of his critical text, modified considerably from his seventh, and in general not for the better, so much was he under the influence of the Sinsitic MS discovered by him, noted as at the has now introduced into his text agreat number of its defective readings.—Ferrar's collation of four valuable cursive MSS. numbered 13, 69, 124 and 346, with a view to reconstitute the ancient text of the Gospels from which these were probably derived, was published by Abbott in 1877. This work is interesting as giving the agreement and diagreement between codices of a certain type, one of which (69) is cited regularly, after Tregelles, and another (13) occasionally, in the notes to this edition. (In these four MSS, John vii. 53-viii. 12 is inserted wrongly at the end of Luke xxi,) - Westcott and Hort's text, which seems to have influenced the Revisors in its excessive adherence to the so-called Alexandrian readings, or rather to the peculiarities of B, especially when supported by some other ancient copy, was already known to many some years before it was published in ISSI, when the Revisers' New Testament also appeared. This third edition had then been prepared for the press

The object sought in the enlarged notes of the present edition has been merely to give a selection of the authorities for and against the text, as arrived at by a earoful comparison of the immense mass of material now presented to the student through the

unresultting labours of those who have worked in this field.

In the Gospels, the reader will distinguish the two classes of the Uncial MSS.

'Ac.' has been used to designate the series of manuscripts which generally agree, called Constantinopolitan, of which E, M, U, and very often a, are fair examples, as containing all the Gospels; and these it will be seen are generally confirmed by A. From the Acts to the end, all the Uncials, as given by Tischendorf (8th edition) and in part by Tragelles, are quoted whenever the disputed passage requires it. In the Epistics of Paul, however, after 1 Corinthians, E, being a copy of D (Codex Claro-montanus), is only cited where D has been corrected, unless indeed some special matter of interest seems to render desirable its being noted as well as D.

A reference to the subjoined list of Uncial MSS will enable the reader to distinguish between their relative age, but he must be reminded that the nomenclature requires attention, as it is often misleading. For instance, B of the Ecvelation is quite a different MB from the celebrated Codex Vaticanua, which contains the most part of the rest of the New Testament, also noted as B, though it is some four centuries earlier than the other; G of the Epistles of Paul (Cod. Boernerianus) has nothing to do with G of the Gorpels (Cod. Harleianno, but on the contrary really formed the concluding part of a (Cod. Sangallensis), though these parts are now separated and in different libraries. The lists are usually given separate for the Gospels, Acts, Epistles of Paul, and Revelation; but it has been thought, on the whole, simpler for reference to put them together in a single list. F (Augiensis) and G (Boernerianus), both of the Epistles of Paul, are shown to be copies of the same original MS.

Of Cursive MSS, those noted by Treg, and minutely examined by him in the years 1846-1853, are given from his edition of the Greek New Testament. A list of these is appended to that of the Uncials. For a complete list of the Cursive MSS of the New Test, at present known, as also of the Lectionaries or manuscript Service-books of the Greek Church, see Scrivener's Introduction.

Of the appient versions, the old Latin, where its various extant codices agree, is given in the gospels, noted as 'Ital;' occasionally they are quoted separately, especially so where there are but one or two of these MSS in conflict with all the others, as 'Brix,' "Cells,' &c. (see the tables). The Codex Amistinus (Am), supposed to be the most faithful representative of the Latin as Jerome left it, is given from Tregelles' New Testament. When not cited separately in the notes, it is included in the Vulgsta (Vulg).

The Memphitic, or version of Lower Egypt, is given from Tisch, and Treg., and so with the two chief Syriac dialects first hand, marked Syrr where they agree. Occasionally they are separately quoted, Syr-Pst being the Peschito, the version commonly printed, and Syr-Hel the Harclean or Philoxenian, a fresh translation, more literal than the other, indeed quite servile, and hence valuable as a witness to the Greek : the Epistle to the Hebrews is wanting in it from xi. 27 to end. Neither of these versions has the Revelation, nor John vii. 53-viii. 12, and the Peschito Syriac does not contain 2 Peter, 2 and 3 John, or Jude: these four are contained in a Syriac MS in the Bodleian. A Syriac manuscript of the Revelation (noted Syr) was edited at Leyden in 1627 by Louis de Dien. Both of these resemble in character the later or Philoxenian Syriac.

A list is given below of the ancient versions usually eited in critical editions. Of the ancient Fathers, a few only are cited occasionally in the notes, mostly from the printed editions themselves. A list is given of the more important of these writers.

A few additional explanatory remarks are here offered in order to warn the reader against being unduly influenced by what is called diplomatic evidence, whether the concurrent testimony of the mass of the authorities, or the preponderating importance of a few very ancient witnesses. The modern editors of the text often furnish proof that conscientious adherence to their systems of comparative criticism may lead to singular mistakes. The latest editions are by no means the most trustworthy; and the reader should be at least cautious against too readily accepting their decisions. Of Revised Version of the first three Gospel's considered, by Cook, and in particular Burgon's Revision Revised.

Though of course in many respects an older MS is entitled to greater weight, yet too many sources of corruption and error had already crept in to render admissible the principles laid down by Lachmann and Tregelles, and practically acquiesced in by Tischendorf, without at least a very serious and patient examination being accorded to the many later witnesses, which have often of recent years been too lightly set aside. A few examples, taken from many given by Burgon and others, will serve for illustration. Serivener says in his Introduction (3rd ed. p. 511): "It is no less true to fact than paradoxical in sound that the worst corruptions to which the New Testament has ever been subjected, originated within a hundred years after it was composed; that Irensus and the African Fathers and the whole Western, with a portion of the Syrian Church, had far inferior manuscripts to those employed by Stunica, or Erasmus, or Stephens, thirtsen centuries later, when moulding the Textus Receptus."

Admitting the general soundness of this conclusion, we are no longer surprised to find that 8 and B, as well as C L U I, all interpolate in Matthew xxvii. 40 some words which are in part burrowed, though changed, from John xix. 34, but which have been shewn by Burgon in his Last Twelve Verses to be really derived from the heretical Tatian's Distessaron or Harmony of the Gospels, composed in the second century. What is surprising is to find that Westcott & Hort have introduced it in brackets into their text and the Revisers into their margin. Tischendorf and Tregolles have rejected it. Nevertheless it was in the copies used by Chrysostom and Cyril of Alexandria.

In Luke ii. 14, however, all these editors follow the corrupt testimony of & B D, besides quoting A for it, though in another part of A, in the hymn at the end of the Paxims, the correct reading is given; and N and B have both been corrected by later hands. This reading, which originated probably in a mere clerical error, is found in some old versions also: "in the men of good pleasure." The Fathers all reject this, as Burgon has proved; and overy spiritual mind instructed in Scripture must resent such an expression, which, as being very anomalous Greek, has given rise to explanations that condemn themselves. Yet the Revisers have introduced it into their text, forcing the translation in an unjustifiable way, and have placed the better text in the margin.

Tischendorf in his 8th edition, influenced no doubt by his favourits M, supported

also by B, 124, and some versions, has in Matthew xi. 19 substituted " works" for " chipdren," against all other authority and the evident teaching of scripture. The same corrupted reading has been adopted by Tregelles and the Revisers.

All these follow # B C D and others in admitting "holy" into the text before "Spirit" in Luke x, 21, an interpolation which may be ascribed to over-zealous picty. or, as it has been angrested, to the misplaced desire to distinguish the word from "spirits" used in another sense in the previous verse.

The extraordinary text given in Matthew xxi. 31 by Lach., Treg. and W. & H. on the authority, and that only partially, of B, with which they make the priests and elders answer "The last," instead of "The first," has been commented on by Scrivener and Burgon. Tregelles attempts an explanation in his Account of the Printed Test, p. 107.

In Luke vi. I the Revisers leave out the important word "second-first," misled perhaps by Treg, and W. & H. on the precarious authority of 8 B L 1 33 69 and some versions. The word was evidently emitted by scribes who did not understand it. Tischendorf rightly inserts it. For another instance of this kind of modification of the text, see I John ii. 13 and the note, and Rev. xxii. 14.

The omission in 1 Cor. ix. 20 of "not being myself under law" in K and a few cursive MSS and versions, probably arose from the same cause. But here the Editors and the Revisers insert the words, following the great mass of MS authority

In John i, 18, N B C L, almost unsupported except by a few versions, and, as to be expected, by many ecclesiastical writers, have the astonishing reading of "God" for "Son" after "only begotten." It is scarcely conceivable that Tree, and W. & H. should have followed so manifest a corruption, and the Revisers have given it a place in their margin. Tisch, rejects it. But he has not been equally firm in John ix. 35; for he has introduced into his 8th edition "Son of man," instead of "Son of God," on the testimony of N B D. So have W. & H. and the Bevisers in their margin.

The addition of "yet" in John vii. 8, found in B and many others, is evidently an

intentional change of see into sees, from the desire to explain a text not understood.

Trog, and W. & H. agree with Thich, in putting the imperative in 1 Cor. xv. 40; though the latter had it right in his 7th edition, he now roods "let us hear." See the note at this passage. The Revisers have it right in text, but have given the false reading a place in their margin.

But the list might be almost indefinitely prolonged; so namerous and often extraordinary are the corruptions found in these venerable documents; witness the substitation of "found" or "discovered" (cf. 1 Sam. xx. 15 (16) in the LXX, Cod. Vatic.), for

"burned up" in 2 Pct. iii. 10, by S B K P, acquiesced in by Treg. and by W. & H.

The omissions in these old MSS are constant, often doubtless mere errors of the scribe, whose eye unconsciously passed from one line to the second or third below it, especially if he was betrayed by similarity of ending or beginning in two or more consecutive lines, a constant source of error called homocofeleuton. It was no easy matter to avoid it in copying MSS that have no division of words: it requires considerable practice even to read thom, and the eye gets no rest in its fatiguing task.

The two oldest MSS, M and B, omit the end of Mark xvi., against all other authority whatsoever, as Burgen has shewn with great pains; but in B, the fact that the scribe has here left a column blank, -the only one in the whole New Testament, -is strong presumptive evidence that if he did not find the passage in the MS he was copying from, he was aware of an omission. Such defects as these tend to throw discredit on these ancient MSS, as witnesses to the primitive integrity of the text. On the other hand, they are free from the bold interpolations of D (Codex Bexe), and are constantly additional and valuable evidence against these. But none of the oldest MSS, not even several together, can be of themselves conclusive testimony as to the absolute correctness of a reading, although many facts tend to show that, as a general rule, the so-called Alexandrian readings come nearest to the primitive text. They need to be controlled however by other evidence, as that of the Cursive MSS, versions, and, in many cases, by patristic citations. Every passage has to be examined apart on its own merits, in presence of the whole array of witnesses, and in dependence upon God's graciona guidance, special regard being paid to the context and the general teaching of scripture, which ecclesiastical corruption impaired.

N.B.—Winer's Grammar is quoted from Moulton's 8th ed. The Uncial MSS are cited according to their original readings except when noted otherwise, as New, C2, &c.

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N.E.—When through some circumstance the authorities cited give only partial support to a reading, or if some peculiarity attaches to their testimony, they are enclosed in parentheses, thus (R). See notes Luke iii. II; xi. 44; Gal. v. 1, &c.

# REVISED PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION (1871).

The original edition, in which each of the several books was published by itself (or two epistles together if there were two to the same assembly), and the reprints of several, which seem to have attracted more attention than others, being exhausted, I publish a new edition of this translation of the New Testament, as a whole, in a more convenient form.

It has been in no way my object to produce a learned work; but, as I had access
to books, and various sources of information, to which of course the great mass of
readers, to whom the word of God was equally precious, had not, I desired to furnish
them as far as I was able with the fruit of my own study, and of all I could gather
from those sources, that they might have the word of God in English in as perfect a

representation of it in that language as possible.

In the first edition I had made use of a German work professing to give the Textus Receptus, with a collection of the various readings adopted by all or any of the editors of most repute, Griesbach, Lachmann, Scholz, Tischendorf, and some others. But the Textus Receptus was itself often changed in the text of the work, and I found that several of these changes had escaped my notice. My plan was, where the chief editors agreed, to adopt their reading, not to attempt to make a text of my own. My object was a more correct translation; only there was no use in translating what all intelligent critics held to be a mistake in the copy. For, as is known, the Textus Receptus had no real authority, nor was indeed the English Version taken from it,—it was an earlier work by some years. With some variations, which critics have more or less carefully counted, the Textus Receptus was a reprint of earlier editions. Of these Stephanus 1550 is the one of most note: there were besides this Erasmus and Beza. Erasmus was the first published; the Complutensian Polyglott the first printed : then Stephanus ; and then Beza. The Elzevira were not till the next century; and the expression in their preface of textus ab omnibus receptus led to the expression of "textus receptus," or received text. The Authorised Version was mainly taken from Stephens, or Beza. The reader who is curious as to these things may see a full account in Scrivener's Introduction or other similar Introductions. After this came, beginning with Fell at Oxford, various critical editions: Mill, Bengel, Wetstein (who greatly enlarged the field of criticism), then Griesbach, Matthei (the last giving the Russian Codices, which are Constantinopolitan so called), Lachmann, Scholz, Tischendorf, and quite recently Tregelles. I name only those of critical celebrity. We possess besides, in connection with commentaries, Meyer, De Wette, and Alford.

In my first edition my translation was formed on the concurrent voice of Griesbach, Lachmann, Scholz, and Tischenderf: the first of soberer judgment and critical accumen and discernment; the next with a narrower system of taking only the very carliest MSS, so that sometimes he might have only one or two; the third excessively careleasly printed, but taking the mass of Constantinopolitan MSS as a rule; the last of first-rate competency and diligence of research, at first somewhat rash in changing, but in subsequent editions returning more soberly to what he had despised. Still, if they agreed, one might be pretty sure that what they all rejected was a mere mistake in copying. Scholz, in a lecture in England, gave up his system, and stated that in another edition he should adopt the Alexandrian readings he had rejected. That is the general tendency since: Tregelles laying it down strictly as a fixed rule.

Meanwhile, since my first edition, founded on the concurrent judgment of the four great modern editors, following the received text unchanged where the true reading was a disputed point among them, the Sinaitic MS has been discovered; the Vatican published; Porphyry's of Acts and Paul's Episties and most of the Catholic

Epistles and the Apocalypse, and others, in the Monumenta Sacra Inedita of Tischendorf, as well as his seventh edition. These, with Alford and Meyer's (not yet consulted for the text), and De Wetts, furnished a mass of new materials. Tregelles' too was published as a whole since my present edition was finished, though not printed.

All this called for further labour. I had to leave Scholz pretty much aside; (his work cannot be called a careful one, and he had left himself aside;) and take in Tischendorf's 7th ed., Alford, Meyer, De Wette. I have further, in every questioned reading, compared the Sinsitic, Vatican, Dublin, Alexandrian, Codex Bezs, Codex Ephrsemi, St. Gall, Claromoutanus, Hearne's Land in the Acts, Porphyry in great part, the Vulgate, the old Latin in Sabatier and Bianchini. The Syriac I had from others; it was only as to words and passages left out or inserted I used the book itself; not being a Syriac scholar, I could not use it for myself. The Zacynthius of Luke I have consulted; with occasional reference to the fathers; Stephanus, Bezs, Ersannus. The labour involved in such a work those only know who have gone through it by personal reference to the copies themselves.

In the translation itself there is little changed. A few passages made clearer; small inaccuracies corrected, which had crept in by human infirmity; occasional uniformity in words and phrases produced where the Greek was just the same. In the translation I could feel delight—it gave me the word and mind of God more accurately: in the critical details there is much labour and little food. I can only

trust that the Christian may find the fruit of it in increased accuracy.

As the editors I have named had not the Sinaitic nor Porphyrian MS, I have occasionally had to judge for myself where these authorities affected the question much, or have occasionally put the matter as questionable in a note, where I could

not decide for myself.

I will now say a few words as to these authorities. As to the general certainty of the text, all these researches have only proved it. The meddling of ecclesiastics has been one chief source of questionable readings; partly wilful, partly innocently; the attempt to assimilate the Gospels, which was wilful; and then, more innocently, arising from the passages read in ecclesiastical services, such changes as "Jesus" put for "He" where it was needed, as in these services "he" at the beginning referred to nothing; and "Jesus" was then introduced by copyists into the text. The attempt to make the Lord's prayer in Luke like that in Matthew is another instance; so, if we are to believe Alford and most other editors, the leaving out "first-born" in the Sinaitic and Vatican and some others, (which I note because it affects the oldest MSS,) because it looked as if the mother of our Lord had other children; and such like instances. But these do not make any very great difficulty. Other MSS and versions (which are earlier than all MSS), with a little care, make the real state of the case plain; but no MSS are early enough to escape these handlings. So that the system which takes merely the oldest MSS as authorities in themselves, without adequate comparison and weighing internal evidence, necessarily fails in result. Conjectures are not to be trusted, but weighing the evidence as to facts is not conjecture.

The three greatest questions are 1 Timothy iii. 16, the beginning of John viii., and the last verses of Mark xvi. In the first I pronounce no judgment, as full dissertations have been written on it by many critics. As to John viii. I do not donbt its genuineness. Augustine tells us it was left out in some untrustworthy MSS because it was thought injurious to morality: and not only so, but in my examination of the text I found that in one of the best MSS of the old Latin, two pages had been torn out because it was there, carrying away part of the text preceding and following. As to the end of Mark and its apparently independent form, I would remark that we have two distinct closes to the Lord's life in the Gospels: his appearance to his disciples in Galilee, related in Matthew without any account of his ascension, which indeed answers to the whole character of that Gospel: and at Bethany, where his ascension took place, which is the part related in Luke, answering to the character of his Gospel: one, with the remnant of the Jewa owned, and sending the message out

on earth to Gentiles, the other from heaven to all the world, beginning with Jerusalem itself; one Messianic, so to speak, the other heavenly. Now Mark, up to the end of verse eight, gives the Matthew close; from verse nine a summary of the Bethany and ascension scene, and facts related in Luke and John. It is a distinct part, a kind of appendix, so to speak.

I have always stated the Textus Receptus in the margin where it is departed from, except in the Revelation, Erasmus having translated that from one poor and imperfect MS, which being accompanied by a commentary had to be separated by a transcriber; and even so Erasmus corrected what he had from the Vulgate, or

guessed what he had not." There was not much use in quoting this.

But it does not seem to me that any critics have really accounted for the phenomena of MSS. We have new a vast mass of them, some few very old, and a great many more comparatively modern. But it seems to me the oldest, as Sinsitic and Vatican, bear the marks of having been in ecclesiastical hands. I do not mean that the result is seriously affected by it, for their work is pretty easily detected and corrected, and thus is not of any great consequence; but, as it is easily detected, proved to be there. After all research, it cannot be denied, I think, that there are two great schools of readings. The same MS may vary as to the school it follows in different parts. Thus Grissbach says A was Constantinopolitan in the Gospels and Alexandrian in the Epistles, to use conventional names. So Porphyrius (marked P), which I found in six or eight chapters of Acts so uniformly to go with the Textus Receptus, that I consulted it scarcely at all afterwards, does not do so in Paul's Epistles. Still there are the two schools. Of the one, Sinaitic, Vatican, and Dublin (& B Z) are the most perfect examples. For that in the main they are of this school, though with individual peculiarities, cannot, it seems to me, be questioned a moment. Of these, Dublin, marked Z, is by far the most correct copy : I remarked but one blunder in copying. The Vatican, as a copy, is far superior to Sinaiticus, which is by no means a correct one, in the Revelation quits the contrary, however valuable as giving us the whole New Testament and being the eldest copy perhaps we have. But we must remember that we have none until after the empire was christian, and that Diocletian had destroyed all the copies he could get at. This Alexandrian text, so called, is the oldest we have in existing Greek MSS. The Alexandrian MS (marked A) is not uniformly Alexandrian in text. But, if Scrivener is to be trusted, the Peschito Syriac agrees much more with A than with B; yet it is the oldest version that exists, nearly two hundred years older than any MS we have, made at the end of the first or the beginning of the second century. This is not the case with the old Latin. It cannot be said to be Alexandrian, but approaches nearer to it. But then even here is a singular phenomenon: one ancient MS of it, Brixianus, is uniformly the Textus Receptus. I think I only found one exception. Where did this come from ! The Vulgate is a good deal corrected from the Alexandrian text, though not always following it. Thus we may class them : R, B, Z, L, which last follows B very constantly ; then we have A and a long list of uncials going with it, not so ancient or much thought of ; so that in Alford you will find 'A, &c.' There is another class of about the sixth century, to which date Z also is attributed, C which is independent, and P which in the spirites chiefly follows the Alexandrian but not unfrequently tends to T. R. and A. In the Acts it is, as far as I have examined it, T.R. a, or St. Gall, is often T. R., though in many respects an independent witness. If in the Gospels A and B go together, we may be tolerably confident of the routing, of course weighing other testimony. D, it is known, is poculiar, though characteristically Alexandrian. The result to me is that, while about the text as a whole there is nothing uncertain at all, though in very few instances questions may be raised, the history of it is not really ascertained. I avow my arriving at no conclusion, and I think I can my no one can give that history: the phenomena are unsolved,

\* It was what is called Reachtin's MS and is noted (1). A full account of it may be seen in Haudeckriftliche Funde, by Franz Delitzsch, who found it in a German library.

I have said thus much on the criticism of the text, and the MSS, that persons not versed in the matter may not hazard themselves in forming conclusions without any real knowledge of the questions. Such a book as Tischendorf's English Testament I think mischievous. You have the English Version questioned continually, and N, B, A, given at the bottom of the page, for persons who know nothing about them to doubt about the text, and that is all. Thus, to say no more, the readings of A in the Epistles have a totally different degree of importance from that of its readings in the Gospela. And all becomes uncertain. In most of these cases the true reading is not doubted a moment by Tischendorf himself, yet it only makes people doubt about all. I have followed a collation of the best anthorities, but where, though for trifling differences, you have N, B, L, or B, L, on one side, and A, Ac., on the other, I confess I have no entire certainty that B, L, are right.

In the next place the reader has not a revision of the Authorised Version, but a translation from the best Greek text I could attain to any certain knowledge of. I do not doubt a moment that numbers of phrases of the Authorised Version will be found in the translation. Filled as the mind is with it from constant use, it suggested itself naturally to the mind. I had no wish to reject it. But a revision of the Authorised Version, if desirable for ecclesiastical use, is not (I think) in itself a wise attempt. I rather doubt the justness of the taste which attempts to revise the Authorised Version. The new bit does not suit the old, and is the more distasteful from its juxtaposition. Imitation is seldom good taste, seldom undetected; it wants

nature, and in these things nature is good tasts, and attracts.

I have freely used every help I could. I do not mention Grammars and Dictionaries, as they are applicable to all books, and known; but I have used Meyer, whose continuators are very inferior, and from whom a large part of Alford is taken; but I have consulted Alford too, and De Wette. Ellicott is excellent in what he has done; Eypke most useful in what he affords. I have used them for the exegesis of the text as Greek, not for any destrine in any case. Fritzsche, who is grammatically very full; Bleek, who very much exhausta harning in his book on the Hebrews. Delitzsch and others I have occasionally referred to; there is Knineel on the historical books; but I did not find many of them of very great value, Calvin of less than I should have supposed. There are Bengel, Hammand, Elsley; Welff and other German writers; and Stanley, Jowett, Eadie, &c. But I confess reference to the latter to try did not lead me to repeat it much. What I sought was the thorough study of the text; opinions were of little mement. Poole's Synopsis and Bloomfield have been at hand for older commentators.

Of translations, Diodati's Italian is the best of the old ones, then the Dutch, then the English. Bengel's German is a very good one, and there is, though tainted by their doctrine occasionally, a very literal one called Berleburger. Other translations are Kistemaker, Gossner, Van Ess, which are Roman Catholis: a corrected one of Luther by Meyer; the Swiss one by Piscator, far better than Luther's. These, though I referred to them in a translation made into German, I used comparatively little now or not at all. Of the French, Diodati's is literal, but hardly French; Martin and Ostervald, little to be trusted; and Arnaud's, I may say, not at all. Lather's is the next inaccurate I know. Besides this, there are in Latin the Vulgate and Beza. De Wette's German is slegant, but from excessive leaving out the auriliary verbs, which is allowed in German, affected; and in the Old Testament, though a good Hebraist, not to be trusted, from rationalistic principles. His Isaiah is Gesenium's.

I have used all helps I could, but the translation is borrowed in no way from any; it is my own translation, but I have used every check I could to secure exactness. I believe the scriptures to be the impired word of God, received by the Holy Ghost and communicated by His power, though, thank God, through mertal usen: what is divine made withal theroughly human, as the blessed Lord Himself whom it reveals, though never ceasing to be divine. And this is its unspeakable value: thoroughly and entirely divine, "words which the Holy Ghost teacheth," yet perfectly and

divinely adapted to man as being by man. My endeavour has been to present to the merely English reader the original as closely as possible. Those who make a version for public use must of course adapt their course to the public. Such has not been my object or thought, but to give the student of scripture, who cannot read the original,

as close a translation as possible.

There are some remarks I would desire to make on the English Authorised Version, which would debar me from attempting to correct it, which indeed would be a more ambitious task. Its value and beauty are known, and I need not dilate upon. I have lived upon it, though of course studying the Greek myself; I have no wish to underrate it. But now that everything is inquired and searched into, there are some points to be remarked which make it desirable that the English reader should have something more exact. There is one principle which the translators arow themselves, which is a very great and serious mistake. Where a word occurs in Greek several times in the same possage or even sentence, they render it, as far as they possibly can, by different words in English. In some cases the effect is very serious; in all the connection is lost. Thus in John v. we have "judgment" committed to the Son; shall not came into "condemnation;" the resorrection of "damnation." The word is the same in Greek, and every one can use that "not coming into judgment" is a very different thing from "not coming into condemnation." The whole force of the passage depends on this word, and its contrast with life. Here the sense is wholly changed. In another the connection is lost-Romans xv. 12, 18: "In him shall the Gentiles trust;" " now the God of hope." " Trust" is the same word as "hope," only a verb. "The Gentiles hope;" "the God of hope." I only mention these as examples.

In some cases, as "elders," "the Lord's coming," "the law," theological views have binased the translators. Thus in Acts i. we have "ordained" put in where there is no word at all. All there is in Greek is "must one be a witness." So in Acta xiv. 23, "They ordained them elders:" it is simply "they chose elders for them," xuporevius. I am well aware that in ecclesiastical Greek, borrowed from this passage doubtless, and their new ideas attached to it, the word come to mean this ecclesiastically. But it is not its own meaning. It is "to choose," as 2 Corinthians viii. 19; Acts z. 41.—As to the Lord's coming, Acts iii. 19, there is no excuse for translating Swac as "when." It is an attempt to give it a sense. Again, in 2 Thessalonians ii. 2, "as that the day of Christ is at hand:" the word translated "is at hand " is "present" or "come." It is twice used (once in Romans viii. 38 and once in I Corinthians iii, 22) for "present" in contrast with "to come," It alters evidently the whole sense, and the true meaning gives the key to the whole passage. Their imagination being wrought on by these false teachers, they thought that the day was come in the tribulation in which they were suffering; whereas the Lord's

coming would be rest to them and trouble to their persecutors.

But a more serious mistake is in the words in I John iii. 4, "Sin is the transgresaion of the law." A definition of sin is a serious thing, but this is not what is said. The word used is that which advertially is employed in Romans ii. for "sinning without law," and is so translated in contrast with "sinning under law." If sin were the transgression of the law, it could not be said "until the law sin was in the world;" it could not be said "sin by the commandment became exceeding sinful," for there would have been no sin till the commandment came. But it is not so. It is "ain is lawlessness." It is the wicked will of man; if law comes, then it transgresses it; but it is sin without it, because I ought to have no will of my own, but be in obedience. Hence the reasoning of the apostle : "Death reigned from Adam to Moses over those who had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression." This is a quotation from Hosea vi. 7: "They, like Adam, have transgressed the covenant." Adam had a law, Israel had one; they transgressed alike : but death reigned over those from Adam to Moses, over those who had not; ain was there, for death was there. I have enlarged a little more on this because the definition of sin

is a serious thing, and theology will not hear of such an alteration. Let God be true and every man a liar. It is so translated where doctrine was not in question, not only in flomans ii. but in 1 Timothy i. 9—"lawless and disobedient." It is never translated "transgression of the law" but here, generally "iniquity;" Arosoc is twice translated "transgressor;" but it is never said, in any form of the word, to

be "transgression of the law" but here.

As regards details of translation I have a few remarks to make. I have sought in some instances to render the particles more distinctly; but, rich as English is, no care will make the shades and colourings of thought in one language answer to another. It is oftener more a question of metaphysics, or metaphysical philology, than of grammar, and grammarians do not always command my assent in these matters, though I am glad to learn from them. In our own tongue few remark these shades of meaning, though they exist, as "indeed," "truly," "surely," "forsooth," Costom and instividual habit form the mind in such cases. See the use of coffing in Mark. In St. John's writings I have to remark that the personal pronoun. generally emphatic where inserted, is used so constantly that it can hardly be considered such. I had marked each instance in the first edition, but it arrested the eye inconveniently for the general sense. This the printer has sought to remedy by another and slighter mark. The same character of style is seen in his constant use of issing. Another peculiarity is to be noticed in John, the constant use of ire

for les. In Luke we have sai for les.

I have further to remark on the agrist, as to which a great fuss has been made lately, that English is not Greek. The large use of auxiliary verbs in English, and very sparing use of them in Greek, modifies the whole bearing of tenses in the two languages. The past participle with a present auxiliary is not a simple Greek perfect, not actual continuance in effect of a past action; a past action merally estimated as present, or in force at present, is just as often its force. The real practical question in English is : is it as historical statement or a fact viewed as such morally, i.e. without reference to time. "Christ died for us:" that is historical. "Christ has died for us;" that is a moral fact always true. The question which to use is often a very nice one, and we have to notice the difference of our point of view and that of the time of the passage. The only simple tenses in English are both sorist; one signifying accomplishing an act, the other an accomplished act." And as the latter becomes historic, the use of it in many cases for the Greek acrist falsifies the sense. Thus—a case in which no one, I believe, denies it—lypupa. If I say "I wrote," it is in another letter (unless specified otherwise); "I have written to you" is a past act made present by "have," and it is (unless specified to be in a letter gone but not received) the letter he is occupied with. And the mere doctrine of the aurist in Greek. in no way meets the case. "I wrote to you not to do it" is a past letter supposed to be received. "I have written to you:" he has done it, but it is supposed to be not yet received. "I have written to you in the letter" is the present one. Now what is true of Typeson is true of many others. When I want to give the present, not an accomplishing agrist, I say, not "I write," but "am writing;" because "writing" is the act, "am," absolutely present; but on the other hand I say, "I write five letters every day in the year." "I wrote a long letter to him " is an historical fact; "I have written a long letter to him" is a moral assertion to which I attach present value. "Have," with the past participle, is used however for the perfect. But to aorise in English all the Greek aorists is, I judge, simply a blunder. When the aorist is historic, the simple preterite tense may well answer to it in English. I cannot say I have always succeeded in rightly distinguishing the cases: there are cases as to which I have myself doubted.

I have occasionally left old forms where they are more reverential, as "suith" for "says," "nate" for "to," &c. I have left "ye" for the nominative of "you,"

<sup>\*</sup> For this russon there are only two tenses in English at all; the future, so called, is the present intention; for an accomplishing or accomplished act is not future.

It is the Dutch gij and u, which last in familiar spoken Dutch is used for gij, and is now become usual in English. Both languages have the Platt-Dentsch for their origin. To these things I attach no great importance; to reverence I do.

And this leads me to the use of the words "do homage" instead of "worship," which I do only for the sake of other people's minds not used to such questions. I have not a doubt of the justness of the change, and just became in senders English "worship" is used for what is rendered to God only; when the English translation was made it was not, and the use of it now falsifies the sense in three quarters of the passages it is used in. It is quite certain that in the wast majority of instances of persons coming to the Lord they had not the least idea of owning Him as God. And it falsifies the sense in a material point to use the word now. That we worship Christ who do know He is God is another matter. In the English Bible it is, or at least was, all right, because worship did not mean what it does now. The man when he is married says, "With my body I thee worship." It is said in I Connides xxix, 20, They "worshipped Jebovah and the king," which is simple blasphenry, if it be used in the modern sense. If the reader is curious, he may look at Wettrin, Matthew ii. 2; Minucins Falix, end of chapter ii.; and compare Job xxxi 27; and Herodotus i. 134 for the customs of Persis. It would not have been worth mentioning but for simple souls.

The use of a large or small "a" is of extreme difficulty in the case of the word Spirit; not in giving it when the Holy Spirit is simply spoken of personally. There it is simple enough. But as dwelling in us, our state by it, and the Hely Spirit itself, are so blended as to make it then very difficult; because it is spoken of as our state, and then as the Holy Ghest. If it he put large, we lose the first; if small, the Spirit personally. I can only leave it with this warning, calling the attention of the reader to it. It is a blensed thought that it is so blended in power that our state is so spoken of; but if we lose the divine Person, that blensing itself is lost. The reader may see, not the difficulty, for it does not exist there, but the blending of the

effect and the person in Romans viii. 27.

All the instances in which the article is wanting before Képas; are not marked by brackets; but I give here all the passages in which Képas; which the LXX employ for Jehovah, thence transferred to the New Testament, is used as a proper name; that is, has the sense of "Jehovah." It is also used in the New Testament for a title of Christ, who as man has the place of Lordship over all things. "God," says Peter, "hath made him, whom ye have crucified, both Leed and Christ." I have put a mark of intertogation after those that are doubtful.

Matt. i. 20, 22, 24; ii. 13, 15, 19; iii. 3; iv. 7, 10; v. 33; xxi. 3 (7), 9, 42; xxii. 37,

44; axiii. 39; xavii. 10; xaviii. 2.

Mark L 3; xi. 3 (0, 9; xii. 11, 29 hb, 30, 36; xiii. 20; xvi. 26 (1).

Luke i. 6, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 25, 28, 32, 38, 45, 46, 58, 68, 68, 76; ii. 9 56, 15, 22, 23 56, 24, 26, 38, 39; iii. 4; iv. 8, 12, 18, 19; v. 17; x. 27; xiii. 35; xix. 31(0, 38; xx. 37, 42, John i. 23; xii. 13, 38 56.

Acts 1 24 (f); ii. 20, 21, 25, 34, 39, 47 (f); iii. 19, 22; iv. 25, 29 (f); v. 9, 19; vii. 31, 33, 37, 49; viii. 25 (f), 25, 39 (f); ix. 31 (f); x. 4 (f), 14 (f); xi. 8 (f); xii. 7, 11 (f), 17 (f), 23; xv. 17 bis.

Rom. iv, 8; iz. 28, 29; z. 9, 12, 13, 16; zi. 3, 34; zii. 19; ziv. 11; zv. 11.

1 Cor. L 31; H. 16; HL 20; x. 26; xiv. 21.

2 Cor. iii. 17, 18 (peculisz character); vi. 17, 18; x. 17.

Heb. i. 10; vil. 21; vili. 2, 8, 9, 10, 11; x. 16, 30 he; zii. 5, 6; ziii. 6.

James iv. 10; v. 4, 10, 11 bis.

1 Peter i. 25; iii. 12 bis, 15. 2 Peter ii. 9 (7, 11; iii. 8, 9, 10. Jude 5, 9. Rev. iv. 8; xi. 15, 17; xv. 3, 4; xvi. 7; xviii. 8; xix. 6; xxi. 22; xxii. 5, 6.

In the Acts the word is used in an absolute and general way, and applied to Christ. It is usually the same in the Epistles; see I Cor. viii. 5, 6.

It may perhaps be useful to some of my readers to give the chronological order

of the Epistles : and first those that are certain : 1 and 2 Thessalonians ; 1 and 2 Corinthians; Romans, Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon; the last four Paul wrote when a prisoner. Galatians was written from fourteen to twenty years after the apostle was first called, and after he had laboured for some time in Asia Minor, perhaps while he was at Ephesus, as it was not a very long time after their conversion : 1 Timothy, on occasion of the apostle's leaving Ephesus, -when exactly is not clear. 2 Timothy was written at the close of his life when about to be martyred. It is questioned if Paul ever got out of prison: if he did, 2 Timothy was written when he was seized the second time. Titus refers to a journey of Paul's to Crete; it is not said when; perhaps, it has been thought, when he resided so long at Ephesua. It is morally synchronous with 1 Timothy. It has not been the purpose of God to give us chronological dates for them, and in divine wisdom. The moral order is clear. The way in which 2 Timothy refers to the ruin of what 1 Timothy builds the order of, is plain enough. Hebrews was written late, in view of the approaching judgment of Jerusalem, and calls on christian Jews to separate themselves from what God was about to judge. The Epistle of James was written when this separation had in no way taken place. Jewish Christians are still seen as forming part of the Israel not yet finally cast out, only owning Jesus to be the Lord of glory. But, as all the Catholic Epistles, it was written toward the close of the apostolic history, when Christianity had been widely received by the tribes of Israel, and the Jewish history was now closing in judgment. In I Peter we see that the gospel had widely spread among the Jews; it was written to the christian Jews of the dispersion. The second of course is later, at the close when he was about to put off his tabernacle and would leave them in writing the warnings apostolic cars would soon no longer furnish. Hence, like Jude, it contemplates grievous departure from the path of godliness on the part of those who had received the faith, and a mocking of the testimony that the Lord was coming. I John insists on its being "the last time." Apostates were already manifested, apostates from the truth of Christianity denying the Father and the Son, as well as with Jewish unbelief denying that Jesus was the Christ. Jude comes morally before John. These false brethren had crept in unawares, but the evil is pursued to the final rebellion and judgment. It differs from 2 Peter in viewing the evil not simply as wickedness, but departure from first estate. Revelation completes this picture by shewing Christ judging in the midst of the candlesticks; the first having left its first love, and threatened, if it did not repent and return to its original estate, to have the candlestick removed: the final judgment being in Thyatira, and in Laodices; and then it shows the judgment of the world and the return of the Leed, the kingdom and heavenly city and eternal state. This general character of departure and failure, stamped on all the last books from Hebrews to Revelation, is very striking : Pan's epostles, save 2 Timethy, which gives individual direction in the midst of rain, though propherying of this state of things, express the labour and the care of the wise master-builder. The interest of their date is in connection with his history in the Acts; but Hebrews, and the Catholic Episties, and Revelation, all shew predicted departure already set in (for even 1 Peter, which is least so, tells us the time was come for judgment to begin at the house of God,) and so the judgment of the professing church, and then prophetically of the world risen up against God. This closing character of the Catholic Epistles is very striking and instructive.

The contents of the books of the New Testament must be sought elsewhere: I can only give here some very general thoughts upon them. It will be remarked at once that the character of the first three Gospels is different from that of John. The principle of this difference is this: the first three present Christ, though in different characters, to man to be received, and shew His rejection by man. John begins with this as the starting-point of his Gospel, being the display of the divine nature, and what man and the Jew was in presence of. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came to His own, and His own received Him not. Hence we have sovereign grace, election; man must be

born again, wholly anew; and the Jews are all through treated as reprobate; the divine and incarnate Person of the Lord as the foundation of all blessing, and a work of atonement which is the basis even of the sinless condition of the new heavens and the new earth wherein dwelleth rightsonsness, together with, at the close, the gift of the Comforter, form the subject of the Gospel, in contrast with Judaism. Instead of tracing the Lord to the Abrahams and Davids, the roots of promise, or to Adam, to bring in as Son of man blessing to man, or giving the account of His service in ministry as the great Prophet that was to come, it brings a divine Person, the Word made flesh, into the world. What I have just said stamps their character on the four Gospels. Matthew is the fulfilment of promise and prophecy, Emmanuel among the Jews, rejected by them, stumbling thus on the stone of stumbling, and shewn to be really a sower; fruit-seeking was in vain; and then the Church and the Kingdom substituted for Israel blessed by promises, which they refused in His Person; but after judgment, when they owned Him, to be owned under mercy. The ascension is not found in Matthew, I believe, for this very reason : Galilee in Matthew, not Jerusalem, is the scene of His interview with the disciples after His resurrection. He is with the poor of the flock, who sweed the word of the Lord, where the light had sprung up to the people sitting in darkness. The commission to baptize goes forth hance and applies to Gentiles. Mark gives the servant-prophet, Son of God : Luke, the Son of man, the first two chapters affording a levely picture of the remnant in Israel : John, a divine Person come into the world, the foundation (redemption being accomplished) of the new creation; the object and pattern of faith; revealing the Father; with the promise of the Comforter while away. Paul and John reveal our being in a wholly new place in Christ. But John is mainly occupied with revealing the Father in the Son to us, and thus life by the Son in us: Paul with presenting us to God, and His counsels in grace. If we confine ourselves to the Epistles, the latter only speaks of the Church, save I Peter ii., the building of living stones, but Paul only speaks of the Body. The Acts show the founding of the Church by the Haly Ghost come down from heaven, and then the Jerusalem or Palestinian labours of the apostles, and other free labourers, especially the work of Peter, and then that of Paul. With the history of the rejection of his Gospel by the Jews of the dispersion the history of scripture closes. the Jews of the dispersion the minery or surprise toward.

### GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

# MATTHEW.

Christ, Son of David, Son of Abra-

Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob begat Juda 2 and his brethren; and Juda begat

Phores and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom, and Esrom \* begat Aram, and Aram begat Amin-

adab and Aminadab begat Nassaon. and Nasson begat Salmon, and Salmon begat Book of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Buth; and Obed

\* begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David the king. And Davida begat Solomon, of her [that had been the wife] of \* Uriss; and Solomon begat Roboum.

and Robosm begat Abia, and Abia \* begat Asa, and Asa begat Josephat, and Josaphat begut Joram, and

" Joram begat Oriss, and Orias begat Joatham, and Joatham begat Achaz. 17 and Achaz begat Exchiss, and Exc-

kins begat Manasses, and Manasses begat Amon, and Amon begat Josias, 11 and Josias begat Jechonias and his

brethren, at the time of the carrying 13 away b of Babylon. And after the carrying away of Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel, and Salathiel begat

18 Zerobabel, and Zerobabel begat Abind, and Abind begat Eliakim,

14 and Eliakim beent Azor, and Azor begat Sadoc, and Sadoc begat Achim,

14 and Achim begat Edind, and Eliud begat Eliazar, and Eliazar begat Matthan, and Matthan begat Jacob.

16 and Jacob begat Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus,

BOOK of the generation of Jesus 13 who is called Christ. All the generations, therefore, from Abraham to David [were] fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away of Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the carrying away of Babylon unto the Christ, fourteen

generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was thus: His mother, Mary, that is," having been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child of [the] Holy 19 Ghost. But Joseph, her husband, being a righteous [man], and unwilling" to expose her publicly, purposed to have put her away secretly; but while he pondered on these things, behold, an angel of [the]

Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, fear not to take to [thee] Mary, thy wife, for that which is begotten in her is is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save

25 his people from their sins. Now all this came to pass that that might be fulfilled which was spoken by [the] Lord, through the prophet, saying,

Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which is, being interpreted,

" God with us. But Joseph, having awoke up from his sleep, did as the angel of [the] Lord, had enjoined as him, and took to [him] his wife, and

knew her not until she had brought

<sup>+</sup> T. B. adda 'the king,' with C L a E Se. 35

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\*In those days completives transported conquered introduced them by others, that national feeding might not subsist, but dispendence be complete. 'Currying agan' is feeble for this, but I know no other word. 'Chroning versa read' birth of the Christ, 'but NC 2 &c have been grown in feeble for the property of the Christ, 'but NC 2 &c have been grown; B grown Theen, I returns

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